

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 14, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 25-29 are allowed. Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1, 3-13, 18 and 20-21 include allowable subject matter.

Independent claims 1, 10 and 18 have been amended in the manner requested in the Office Action, and as such, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3-13, 18, 20 and 21 overcome the rejection and are in condition for allowance.

Also provided herewith is an amended abstract that overcomes the objection.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

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